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and including the following documents:

Specification including Claims - 9 pages Abstract of the Disclosure Drawings - 6 sheets Return Receipt Postcard

A copy of the original Declaration, Power of Attorney from the parent application

A copy of the recorded Assignment

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A certified copy of a French application

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This patent application is a divisional of prior Application No. 09/981,037, filed on October 17, 2001.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Declaration is enclosed, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference.

The parent application is assigned to HUTCHINSON.

This application claims the foreign priority of French Patent Application No. 0013456 filed on October 20, 2000.

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